

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Birch Creek. Birch Creek was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for Total Fecal Coliform Bacteria. The Birch Creek stream segment is located in Halifax County and flows near Elmo, Virginia. The impaired segment of Birch Creek is 4.83 miles in length, beginning upstream at Carlton Creek and continuing downstream to its mouth at the Dan River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the Birch Creek TMDL will be held on **Thursday, October 23, 2003, 7:00 p.m.** in Public Meeting room 101 in the Mary Bethune Office Complex at 1030 Cowford Road located in Halifax, Virginia.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on November 24, 2003. A fact sheet on the development of the Birch Creek TMDL is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl>. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Kelly Wills. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Kelly J. Wills, Department of Environmental Quality, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24502, telephone (434) 582-5120, fax (434) 582-5125, or e-mail kjwills@deq.state.va.us.